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## THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

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in his perfection and power is the God-Man or the Man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

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**Reincarnation** is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

**The Spiritual World.**—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity—not in the sky.

**Human Destiny.**—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

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man brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

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**Church and State.**—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Government of the New Age will be in the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic, and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is emplaced at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.



# The Flaming Sword

*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## The Great Climax of Human Evolution.

Perfection in the Divine Life the Inheritance of Thousands; Salvation From Present Mortal States; Startling Signs of the Approaching Consummation.

KORESH.

ACCORDING TO THE DOCTRINE of evolution, (admitting that so far as it embodies one side of a great and fundamental truth,) it includes facts of science, though not well understood even by its most devoted advocates, which, carried to its ultimates embraces a scientific miracle before which the whole world will stand aghast. Evolution, as it stands out upon the basis of a scientific proposition, is the disintegral half of one phase of a universological formula, of which the other half is the coördinate science of involution. The universe is like a tree which, while it is unfolding into the amplitude of its greatness, is also involving the germ of its recreation.

The human organism, patterned after the structure of the physical universe, because not yet completed in that purpose for which it is intended, is anatomically defective; it is therefore physiologically incomplete in its functional character. To discover this anatomical incompleteness and consequent defective organic activity, and to remedy these defects, a large share of a devoted life has been actively engaged. The final fruition of the human race into its inheritance as the legitimate offspring of the universe, will not be left to the mere operations of an involuntary development. The climax of perfection into which humanity is about to plunge, will be the result of the application of an intellectual ripeness in which the reason will enter as the dominating factor of progress.

Humanity will not reach the climax of its evolution until it has mastered the knowledge of its own anatomical and physiological structure and function.

Some of the most advanced thinkers of the age are engaged in an attempt to discover the science of psychological phenomena and the character of the soul, without regarding as worthy of their attention, the physiological activities upon which psychic phenomena have their rise. The human anatomy and its functional physiology constitute the basis of all psychic activity; and the psychic phenomena which so far have eluded the comprehension of the deepest thinkers and are misunderstood, are but the inner workings of an external physiological activity which must first be known before the mystery of the soul's phenomena can be revealed.

Strike a common parlor match, ignited by simple friction, and behold the results! In the combustion thus excited there is the flame, unquenchable so long as the fuel is applied and its activity undisturbed. In this combustion there are the phenomena of energetic activity involving the substantial emanations of light, heat, electricity, and magnetism, with other forces of Nature. These phenomena are manifest because the match constitutes the physical basis of the energy displayed in the process of combustion. Without the physical basis the phenomena would not appear. Comprehend this little mystery, and you have solved the riddle of the Sphinx. It is the secret of the mystery of the soul; for soul phenomena constitute but the complex combustion of the elements and essences which aggregate the constituencies of organic function.

The imperfection of what stands for the highest known attainment in evolution, so far as modern science has pretended to progress,—that condition of



the race which embraces the elements of mortality to which all are inevitably supposed to succumb, indicates that the powers of evolution have not expended their forces, and that there yet remains a further unfoldment toward which the present is but the precursory shadow of a glory to be revealed in the arch-natural and final creation soon to startle the world. The forces of Nature in the processes of evolution are a total and ignominious failure, were we to be left as destitute of perfection as we now find the condition of the human race. Were not this corruptibility to put on incorruptibility, and this mortal to put on immortality, the works of creation would be but a farce and a mockery. Were there not within the grasp of the human intellect the possibilities of so applying the reason as to solve the mystery of being, and thus to overcome the forces and the power of death, the effort to perpetuate the race would be but madness. Death is the great arch-enemy of the human race, made doubly dangerous by the blind leadings of those great monstrous frauds—spiritualism and so called christian science, which if followed by the world would preclude the possibility of immortal attainment. Death holds universal sway, and the most formidable danger to which it has been exposed is that annunciation which leads to the fallacious and dangerous illusion that there is no death.

Mortality is the present condition of the race; the state of continuous dying, concomitant of both the natural and spiritual worlds, is the lot to which man is heir until the law is so defined, received, and applied as to transform the corruptibility of humanity to that arch-natural altitude of glory to which the forces and laws of evolution lead, and must ultimately attain under the tuition and adjustment of the enlightened intellect. The world is rapidly hastening to its greatest catastrophe; not only to those physical changes which in the throes of a universal physical parturition will give birth to a new cosmogonical era, but also to a sciento-religious and commercial upheaval in which the blood and thunder of a military and naval display will enter as the supreme factors of the agony of the world, in the destruction which will precede the new birth of the arch-natural and immaculate life.

Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. As there is to be a remission of as many sins as there are failures of obedience to the laws of life with the fruits of immortality, so there will be a proportionate shedding of blood in the throes of that parturition which ushers into being and immortality the new genus, the Sons of God. That there will be "blood to the bridles of the horses," is no mythological fable of a blind seer, nor the ravings of a false prophet. The horses referred to in the Revelation of John, are the four horses which convey the intelligence of the almighty Word to the sin-cursed world about to come into its inheritance

through a knowledge of the truth, and the application of its laws to the transformation of death to life, in the arch-natural evolution. The horses signify the restraints, liberties, adjustments, and appropriations of commerce. The blood of the world will flow up to the final adjustments of commerce on all the planes of commercial activity—sex, church, and secular. The world is rapidly preparing for the terrible disintegration of the old heavens and the old earth, upon whose ruins the structure of the new world will be erected.

God will provide the salvatory processes for his chosen people, for they will heed the warning voice and will come out of the great Babylon upon which the plagues of the wrath of the Eternal are about to fall. The mystery of the mother of harlots, the riddle of the Sphinx (the throttler), that power which in the neck of the enemies of life shall throttle its sensualities and destroy its powers of death, is now subject to the calcium illumination of the great Seer, in whose authority rests the potency of so directing the affairs of men as to superstruct the immortal and eternal kingdoms.

The preparation of the great naval and military powers of the nations is not for the purpose of maintaining the peace of the world as the pretended lovers of peace imagine, and which other peace advocates oppose; it is rather the power behind the thrones of the world and under the altars of the great Christian church, which is directing the laws of disintegration preparatory to the building of the new era. The old Jerusalem, the false church of Christ, a Christian world without either the doctrines or the life of the Christ, is being compassed with its armies of dissolution; and it has been declared upon the greatest authority, that when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then shall the end be. We are hastening into the vortex of this great and final discomfiture of the so called Christian nations of the world. Shall the "heathen" constitute the sword of the Almighty, by which he shall distress his wicked and fallen church? It is declared: "The wicked is my sword." Watch the armament of the millions of China through the machinations of "the rising Sun," preparatory to the demolition of the white race which has ordained its own "yellow peril"—the gold power through which its plagues are to come upon it; for the love of money is the root of all evil. The love of money has become the dominating love of the world; and gold, being the standard of all of the obligations of the world—religious, moral, and secular, is the basis of the power of the nations by which they will be overthrown.

The armament of the world is for the protection of its commercial interests; and all of these interests are jeopardized when the selfishness of the nations has reduced itself to the sole purpose of commercial aggrandizement. The love of money will be the final power of the dissolution of the nations.



## New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

### THE TRAGEDY OF WORK IN AMERICA.

The Sufferings of a Young Russian Girl in New York; the Terrible Welcome to the Land of Liberty.

WILSHIRE'S MAGAZINE prints the story of a tortured mother whose daughter was saved by a New York policeman, after she had just been sold for twenty-six dollars to the highest bidder, a man from the city of churches. In her agony this mother, who is a Russian, only a few months in this country, said: "Had she gone to the mines of Siberia, my child could not have suffered as she has in America!"

This girl was lured to a First Avenue tenement and whipped into submission by her brutal captors, men devoid of shame. Right in the face of hundreds of churches, with policemen whose duty it is to enforce the laws within call, with laws to protect the stranger and the innocent, this poor girl was kept a prisoner for two months. Rose Cohen had come to America to escape imprisonment by the Czar's emissaries. She was under twenty, but had already attracted the notice of the Russian government by her lectures on socialistic subjects. That such a terrible fate should meet her in this country which is supposed to be a refuge for the unfortunate, touches every American heart very deeply. When she went away from home she was in the society of a fellow-worker in the factory where she had been employed. He was, of course, an impostor whose friendship was dearly bought.

How shall the young women working in the large manufacturing establishments be protected, especially if they are ignorant or foreign to our mode of life? What perils beset a young girl in our civilization! What misery is the part of her parents in a country where human brutes can sell a beautiful young girl at auction like a slave, to a lot worse than the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has depicted! To read an account of this auction where the lowest bid was ten dollars, up to the point where the man from Brooklyn put down his money, picked up his human freight, and went out into the streets of a Christian city with her, chills the blood. It was in the street that she called out, "I am sold! I am sold! Save me! save me!" to the policeman who passed.

Such is the dramatic story of Rose Cohen. Will her history be repeated? What will modern civilization do with the case of this young girl? Are we not indicted and indictable when a mother cries out that in such a country as Russia, where the criminals are carried through inaccessible fastnesses to work in the mines for their offenses, her daughter could not have suffered so much as here in America, where she came to claim the blessings and privileges of a more advanced stage of civil liberty? Liberty to brutes! Is this what the

country affords? Cannot the women of America protest against the horrors of vice that are shown right here? Can they not educate their sons to command their passions?

The Russian emigrants who come to this country want liberty. What kind of liberty do they mean? How shall we define the term? They want to find equality. They want to rise in the social scale. They have heard the phrase, "every American boy looks toward the White House as his goal," and they want to enjoy the blessings of progress. Does progress mean the degenerate rich? Does it mean the captors of this young blossom torn from the Russian stem? May God forbid! Progress should mean the cultivation of genuine enthusiasm for the truths of life. It should mean the quickening of every impulse toward the right, and a diffusion of the spirit of discrimination to know and choose the right. Progress does not mean the equality of man and man, but advancement toward the state where each is valued for his talents and respected for his work, and paid for his labor.

Such stories show the futility of any kind of reform that does not teach man to govern himself. This is not new, but it is true. The case of Rose Cohen gives the lie to modern civilization. It is modern barbarity that greets the emigrant girl on her arrival. It is modern barbarity that assails her virtue. It is modern tyranny that enthralls her. The slavery of man to his passions makes him a brute; and in his progress toward the goal of his appetites, he foists upon civilization a curse that is called liberty, but is better known as license.

To purify the civilization of the present day is the task set before the great Renovator, who has set bounds to the iniquities of the wicked as well as to the physical universe. None else can strangle the passions of men like Hercules. None else can lay his finger upon the vibrating pulse of the world's destinies and say, "The patient is mine, and I will answer for him."

### How Dress Rules the World.

SAY WHAT WE MAY, dress rules the world. Boast as we may of the free moral agency of man, the plans of princes and potentates, of mighty men and kings, are set on foot and overturned by such trifles as a pearl necklace or a silken scarf. The order of the Garter, the order of the Golden Fleece, are created to confer distinction in dress. The supreme pleasure of sovereigns is won or lost by a fine presentation at court or by a happy combination of materials. We may threaten to revolt, but the bonds of custom hold us fast. The bloomer episode shows that any attempt to relate the dress of the two sexes is unpopular. To be attractively gowned is the summit of the average woman's ambition. To pay a good figure for his new suit is the honest hope of aspiring man. Let us philosophize. Why is it so?

Because the wise and the mighty, the philosopher and the king, are all alike; and the cut of a necktie or



the fit of a gown concerns us more than the issues of the greatest battles. Dress rules the world. We do not admit it except in moments of extreme frankness. We seek to exterminate the frailty of human nature when we do mention it, but the truth remains. If Queen Esther presents herself before Ahasuerus, she must be becomingly attired or she will not win his favor. If the new minister in the Baptist church chooses to inveigh against the follies of dress in his first sermon, we know that he will not attract his feminine parishioners. He would not preach thus without consulting his mirror as to the fit of his cloth.

There seems to be much on this subject in the Bible. Fine linen, white and clean, is the righteousness of saints. The garments of the high priest were of just the prescribed pattern. There was probably a reason for this. No man can appear at his best and do his part to perfection when he is anxious or unhappy about his clothes. So in any public function, the ceremonial includes appropriate garments for the actors. We know that an evening coat and a white tie are not to be worn even at a wedding in the daytime, but that they are *de rigueur* at large social functions after six p. m. We know that the generals of the armies of different countries are not to choose their costumes for any occasion, but will appear in their uniforms. Now these dictates are not arbitrary. They avoid contention and anxiety.

Any one who has read "An American Girl in London," will remember the lappets which were absolutely required for a presentation to Queen Victoria. Every detail of the court costume was carefully purchased under the eyes of a British chaperone. When Americans go abroad they have to conform to the etiquette of the country or they cannot enter the presence of the sovereign.

Our first parents used fig-leaves to cover their innocence, we are told. The fig-leaves in a spiritual sense meant moral truths, but in the external sense they would signify the goods and truths of the church. To dress herself in her finest apparel was the command sent to the captive daughter of Zion. "Awake! Awake! Put on thy strength, O Zion! Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem!"

The beautiful garments of the present day are the principles of chastity announced by the Messenger of the Covenant, who teaches the church how to win immortal life.

#### The Pierian Spring.

THE FONT OF INSPIRATION was at the foot of Mt. Olympus, which means in former times, from *olim*. This was the Pieria. The nine muses were the daughters of Pierus, who was king over that country. Or, according to another account, they took the name of Pierides from his daughters after the king had been vanquished in a musical contest. They are fabled in song and poetry as the inspirers of verse and line. To muse is to reflect, and to reflect is to turn back what is within oneself—to mirror oneself in verse. The poet

sees what is within by musing. "The muse being unkind," means the writer feels no inspiration from his inner self which brings him at other times into rapport with an interior sphere where thoughts are born, not akin to earth. The Pierian spring is mentioned by Pope in the familiar lines.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing.  
Drink deep or taste not the Pierian spring."

The pint cup cannot go very far into the source, nor can the slender wit of many modern poets compare with that of Cowper who, despite his attempt at suicide, had drunk deep at an interior spring. So do all poets whose inspiration is genuine. The interior spheres of the mind are the source of ecstasy. The Christ is the central Ego. To have access to the central Ego is to bring forth the hidden treasures of knowledge. The Greek myth shows that inspiration flows from within.

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### PROGRESS OF THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY.\*

A Portrayal of Revolutionary Crises in the History of the Development of the Anglo-Saxon Race.

Part I. English History.

WHEN FROM the maternal darkness of gestation time there sprang to birth the Christ and herald of a dawning day, the early steps of freedom's infant form commenced that long progressive march that step by step in time with Nature's beat, leads ever onward to that dazzling goal, the home and shrine of liberty.

Masked in the sombre garb and changing form of mighty nations' countless hosts, the light of freedom's spirit dimly shines, yet ever moves within its orbit to the appointed goal. Shadowed are his footsteps by the stealthy tread of twin-born offspring of the mater-

[\*EDITOR'S NOTE.—A study of this Epic of History has afforded us both pleasure and profit, and we commend it to all our readers. Its import may not be grasped at first glance. The narrative is clothed in imagery, the expressions being highly figurative; and the mind must follow the theme through grasping the import of the poetic similes. The effort of the author is to portray certain revolutionary crises in the history and development of the Anglo-Saxon race from inception to the present time. The core that runs through it is the unfoldment of the spirit of Liberty (as a human being), in its various stages of growth—infancy, adolescence, maturity, etc.; the idea being to demonstrate how this spirit progresses and is compelled to meet and combat its opposite. The various epochs are indicated by sub-headings. As the Epic is studied, let it be borne in mind that night and day occur in the biologic domain; and that these forces are in varying degrees, ever exchanging seats on the throne; that liberty is caloric or affectional, co-ordinated by light and wisdom; and that bondage is cruosic and malefic, co-ordinated by darkness and ignorance. Clash between these forces produces revolutions, which mark stages in the progress of liberty. The principal basis for the selection of the revolutionary events in the Epic, is the eighty-four-year cycle. Part I relates to English, and Part II to American history. The matter appears in three installments, of which this is the first.



nal night, the chosen foe of freedom's right, Vulcanic forger of the bondman's chains. For as the day succeeds the night and night succeeds the day, so in the cycles that unfold to men the will of God, must liberty and bondage at alternate hours direct the efforts of the mortal man. Ever must the bright and shining orb that points the way to freedom's goal and marks the milestones of its progress by its deeds of valor in defense of truth, be offset by the dark and sombre disc, that index of the subtle power of bondage bred in the untutored brain of savage man. These twain must meet and bring to birth those crucial junctures in the affairs of earth, when thrones and powers, creations of the night, are caused to totter by the might of revolution's arm; that piercing darkness with the dawning light of heaven's lightning sword, unveils for one brief instant freedom's living form.

One day, when pondering this mighty theme, I sought to pierce the gloom that close enshrouds the thorny way imprinted with the records of the pilgrim's feet. I longed to place my foot upon those rugged peaks, where once the champion of the people's cause had firmly planted in the blood-stained soil, the glorious banner of triumphant liberty. Then to descend to noisome depths, those vales of tears and anguish keen, where once the tyrant leader of the hosts of night had close confined the heroes of the coming day. And as I gaze within, I see outspread before me as in vision's dream, the teeming city of the seven-fold hill. The battlements of proud imperial Rome are yielding to the thunderous blows delivered by the sturdy Goth, and from the breech inserted in her side, the spirit that she long has held imprisoned by her sovereign walls throws off the toga of the Roman lord and dons the goatskin of barbaric hordes. Then northward speeding to its future island home, it leaps the horizontal bounds that fence my vision's narrow field, while clouds, the harbingers of coming storm, blot out the scene.

## *The Period of Hengist and Horsa.*

Again a sudden rift of light throws wide apart the portals of my vision's gaze, and resting on the bosom of the deep I spy an island near Europa's shores. Fenced by silvern walls like driven snow, proudly she defies the onslaughts of tempestuous floods; yet like the open postern in a castle's sconce, a marshy plain descends to greet the sea. Within the broad expanse of hill and dale, of giant forests and of marshy tracts, that lay within the Alban coasts that bound this lonely Isle, I hear the clash of arms resound and see fierce tumults bred of wild, contending bands, and know the future spouse of Anglo-Saxon light is menaced by the adulterous hand, his swarthy foe of night. I see this nation's eyes sweep wide the watery main that bounds her islet home, as if perchance she would espy some errant champion of her cause; when, rising from the closed horizon of her sight, three bird-like forms bedeck the offing of the sea; three snow-white sails are bending to the eastern breeze that, wafted to her anxious shores, steer on their course directly to that marshy postern

gate that the advancing tide of ages past has pierced. Then as their keels salute the silent strand, there leap to shore two warriors of a noble mien, who on their glittering helmets proudly bear the graceful image of a recumbent swan.

Now, as my enraptured gaze is witness of the soft embrace that seals the union of the knighted band with sore oppressed and long expectant maidenhood, a soft voice whispers in my ear, "Behold! the union of the paternal sperm of Anglo-Saxon day, with the maternal and gestative germ that, as the years roll by, shall to the world present the living form of liberty."

Again the vision fades, the sun has set, and the long night of the gestative years obscures the tortuous path that freedom's earl must tread.

## *The Epoch of Magna Charta.*

As waking from the long repose that oft succeeds the labors of a busy day, my eyes unclothe once more and rest upon a rustic scene illumined by the gorgeous sun that lights a summer day. A winding stream pursues its course through fruitful fields of nodding corn and fragrant woods that screen its mossy banks. A broad extense of pasture land sweeps down to kiss the dallying waters as they pass.

Wantonly intruding on this peaceful scene, my eyes descry an armed camp. Gay pennons floating in the breeze, great chargers champing at their bits, the clank of armor, and the bristling points of pikes denote the presence of a warrior host. Emblazoned with the princely arms of puissant royalty, a noble standard proudly floats and bids intrusive ceorl beware the presence of a kingly form within the tented walls it guards.

Garbed in the stern habiliments of war, with panoply of polished steel that mirrors and reflects this scene momentous in the annals of the world, a crescent group of lordly barons and of noble knights attend the seated figure of a lonely king, as though a full-waned moon was forming close conjunction with the sun, and waited but the impulse of the central orb of day, to spring to birth anew and recommence another circuit of creative life. A crown surmounts the monarch's head; the stamp of craven fear sits on his brow; the sickly smile of cold deceit bestirs his lips, created but to break their plighted troth to God and man. His faltering hand contains a pen, and outspread on the table near, a parchment lies awaiting but the name that far and near has been a by-word and a scorn, to sever at a single blow the toiling bondman's chain.

No wavering eye, no faltering lip, responds to greet the fevered glance that searches for some lurking breech within that solid wall of living steel—a battle-mented turret that conserves intact the spirit of the foetal form that strives for coming birth; for freedom, that the sullen ages of the past have freighted with a long delay.

Impulsed by the blind despair that fears to act yet shudders at the cost delay may bring, the man that for a score of years has with the blade of tempered steel reaped harvests where the hand that grasped it had not



sown, now with the light-plumed feather of a bird, deals forth the death-blow to the tyrant power, and at a single stroke withdraws the venom from the scorpion's sting.

And ere once more the vision fades and darkness screens the future from my straining eye, I hear the merry chimes of distant village bells resound throughout the land. They loudly tongue the joyful news to all the waiting world, the tidings that to Anglo-Saxon man is born the chartered champion of the people's rights.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## General Contributions

### THE KORESHAN WORK IN FLORIDA.\*

Principles and Purposes of the Movement; Its Striking Scientific Features; Headquarters at Estero, in Lee County.

THE EDITOR.

SO MANY CHANGES have recently occurred in the conceptions of the modern scientists that it should not surprise any one if they should all prove to be wrong. They do not seem to have any fixed or certain basis of conclusion, no central idea upon which to depend a system of conclusions. Search is still being made for evidence of the manner in which things began to be; the primary principles of life are unknown to the men engaged in empirical research and experimentation. Koreshanity holds that the reason they do not know is because of ignorance of the great fact that life is cellular, and that the universe is in the form of a cell. Grant for the moment that the Koreshan conception is true, and the mind at once conceives a deeper meaning to the expressions, "mother earth," "the womb of Nature," and many others expressive of the principles of the cellular universe.

Not merely as a theory of life is Koreshan Cosmogony presented to the world; it is held that the basis of the system has already been abundantly demonstrated. If the basis be true, if the Koreshan conception assumed the importance of first place in all the long list of world-discoveries, it is likely that every thought made logically dependent on the primary conception or premise is also true. Perhaps it is not too much for the writer of this article to claim that his field of observation of the Koreshan movement—its conceptions and teachings, and its methods of optical and geodetic demonstrations of its premise—is quite extensive. If I may use the first person singular, I may say that it has been my lot to witness in direct experimentation and observation, numerous startling facts of phenomena

and measurement corroborative and demonstrative of the fundamentals of the Koreshan Astronomy. I have tested the proposition of the earth's concave form by a number of definite processes. It is because I know that the testimony in support of the Koreshan premise is true, absolutely true, having made the evidences a subject of special study and investigation and test for many years past, that I feel that my own life should be sincerely and cheerfully given to the support and promulgation of the system. But so secure seems the foundation of the system, that, were I ever persuaded through any untoward and unlooked-for cause, to attack the new and bold astronomical claims of Koreshanity, I freely and frankly confess I should not know where to begin an attack. To me it appears to possess no weak points of proof. It completely answers all my questions, and I have asked many in the course of all these years of study and comparison with other systems of both the past and present.

In hundreds of instances I have telescopically restored vanished ships' hulls to view. So numerous have been my observations on such a line of test of the old theory of the earth's convexity, that I am familiar with the various phenomena associated with observation of objects on or beyond the sea horizon. I have stood up to my eyes in water, behind telescopes leveled on the water's surface, in observation of objects miles distant placed on the water—a physical and optical impossibility were the water's surface convex. In the Chicago Drainage Canal, Lake Michigan, Gulf of Mexico, Estero Bay, Bay of Naples, Charlotte Harbor, Caloosahatchee river, and other waters, have I witnessed the most unmistakable evidences of the fact that the waters of the globe of the earth we inhabit are not convex, but concave.

The most notable experiment conducted in demonstration of the Koreshan premise was the Geodetic Survey, conducted by the writer, in 1897. The work of that survey is of easy comprehension. A straight line in space near the earth: Is it tangent to a convex arc, or the chord of a concave arc? We surveyed an air line several miles in length by means of a newly-devised geodetic apparatus; and that line, according to the most careful and specific measurements in its relation to the surface of the waters of the Gulf of Mexico along the shore of the West coast of Florida at Naples, was a chord of arc.

The cellular conception of the universe, as set forth by DR. TEED, at once brings the universe within range of the human comprehension, and enables the mind to grasp its fundamental principles and laws of relation of form and function. It opens out a new world to man. It makes things seem differently to the mind, for the conception is of forms of limitation, not of infinity. It eliminates all unknown quantities from its formulas of reasoning, and brings the mind in touch with vital principles and laws and the processes of their definite application. It opens out new scenes in the cosmic panorama of progress. It interprets the events of history; it links ethnologically races of all colors, and traces

\*EDITOR'S NOTE.—The matter appearing under this heading was written several months ago for publication in newspapers. We now publish it in these columns for the interest of our readers. The matter appears in three instalments or parts, of which this is the third.



language to primitive root forms which inhere in the life of Deity.

From the pattern of the cellular cosmos the mind perceives in detail the new social order founded upon scientific principles. The universe is revealed as a great empire, with its central pole and pivot of power, the Sun and Lord of the new world. The age of experimentation in government is nearing its close. Definite science of economy is demanded. Nothing but genuine science can supply the knowledge requisite to the solution of present pressing problems in social and industrial economics.

From the basis of the new conception there will develop a new education. Without investigation one can scarce conceive of the effect that a truly scientific and organic conception has upon the mind, in reducing it to logical order preparatory to the transformation of the character of the man. Without doubt a reformation is desired in the educational world. The new education must proceed from a basis radically different from that now in vogue. The child's geography must be changed; it must tell the story of the hollow globe, and all its activities within in accordance with the principles of all development, rather than of the opposing system that has given no genuine light to the human intellect. The new cosmogony must light the way to the central Luminary of the world of man, and give to the world the light of true science.

The great central purpose of Koreshanity is to lead to the perfection of human character and life; that is, by so obeying and applying the newly discovered laws of progress and life, it is held that we may become immortal here in this the natural world. It would seem that perfect manhood is not an impossible achievement. We are living in a wonder-working age. Given the aspiration to live, with the knowledge of how to attain everlasting life, and the wonder may be wrought. The attainment of that immortal life is but the fruition of the hope of Christendom for nearly two thousand years. That hope may be realized in a most surprising manner and by most surprising means. If Koreshanity be true, the means are known. If it is not true, it would seem that the promise of attainment of the immortal state might never be fulfilled.

To make of Estero the great center of the new cult, world-wide in its extension to the masses, is the ambition of the Koreshans along practical lines. At the same time, it devolves upon them in the making of such a city as they contemplate, to develop the natural resources of Southern Florida. The wealth, energy, and talent of an incoming membership, prospectively to number tens of thousands, will not be without direct results upon the industries of the state. Besides, the influence of a peace-loving people, a law-abiding membership, is desirable in any portion of a progressive country.

With these ideals and incentives, and evidences of the truth of their conceptions, the Koreshans work as an harmonious body of people for the upbuilding of their town and country. They are lovers of all that is

refined and uplifting to human character. They are students of art in its several forms. It is our intention to make Estero a great art center for the definite expression of advanced conceptions of what art ought to be. The Estero Art Hall already contains valuable works of art. The Koreshans are lovers of music. The musical talent of the Koreshan young people is a source of great surprise to many visitors. The Estero orchestra is one of the finest in the state; and there is also an excellent band at Estero.

The future lies before this people, full of promise. They manifest wisdom in their selection of Florida as their home. The Founder of the system pointed out Florida as the vitellus of the cosmic egg, indicative of the site and seat of central activity in the world of human affairs. The attention of the world is being turned to Florida. The great automobile races bring thousands of tourists to our state; and these are all very well in their time and place. The object of the Koreshan movement is to make Estero the most interesting point in Florida and the South, and to focus the attention of the world upon the basis of its achievements and attainments in progress along the lines of the most advanced thought and its refined expression. The future is before Florida; and it may turn out that the great tongue of land extending between the seas may speak the words of the glory of the Golden Age.

#### The Most Wonderful Character of the Ages.

KORESH.

CHRISTIANITY is the world power today. It is not the Christianity of the Christ and his immediate followers, but it is the Christianity of Christ's declension. It is the Christianity of the perversions of the greatest truth, of the greatest life. The love of uses to God and the neighbor actuated Him; the love of money, its perversion, is the ruling passion of Christendom today. It is the Christianity out of which shall arise the new Christ, and out of which shall arise the new church and new dispensation; a church which will honor Him in his resurrection, as he honored Moses in his resurrection. He was great in that he knew his unmerciful denunciation of the evils of sin in the people of his own nation and church, would bring down upon him the wrath of those who would deliver him up to death; and this knowledge did not deter him from condemning the sins of omission and commission which brought his people under subjection to a foreign power and God's displeasure. He was greatest in that he knew of the law of Messianic power, through which he should plant himself in the race as the seminal essence of Deity, and by so doing would fulfil the injunction: "Increase and multiply and replenish the earth," by bringing forth the Sons of God, his own offspring, at the end of the age. The Lord's real, wonderful greatness will be seen in the evolution of the new genus of men, neuter beings, about to unfold as the true Sons of Deity, the arch-natural race of men, product of his own absorption into the church which received him as the cloud which took him out of the sight of his Disciples.





## In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



**S**ENSATIONALISM IN SCIENCE is a growing tendency. As formerly discussed science is no longer interesting. If the people study it, it must be from the standpoint of some new and bold announcement; it must be put in the form of some new and striking theory, and its description must border on the extravagant. The claims of modern science, in order to be interesting to the masses, must be presented in startling terms. The mind must be surprised, and overwhelmed at the contemplation of the so called "wonderful mysteries" which science contemplates. The newspapers and magazines have developed an abnormal desire for something sensational, so that people are constantly asking, what new and great discovery is to appear next? We have before us a somewhat dramatic recital of the "wonders" of a modern astronomer's imagination. Endeavor is made to show the extent to which space is giving up its secrets; how, as the earth revolves and flies through space it enables man to keep his imperturbable stare and gaze on the celestial vault every minute of the flying years; how the camera has enabled man to photograph the millions of stars; and how the spectroscope has enabled him to make chemical analysis of their light. The astronomer undertakes to impress upon the mind the wonderful sublimity of an infinity of worlds scattered through space and flying helter-skelter, here and there, so that the ordinary reader is led to conclude that the great universe is something awful to contemplate, so vast and so great as to continually present to the mind questions concerning its origin and destiny, questions which they hold can never be answered. Modern science is the giant Tantalus. It is continually holding up imaginary water to slake the thirst of the inquiring mind; but the instant appropriation is about to be made of what is offered it vanishes. To the mind of the truth seeker the theories of modern science are of no use, no consequence; they are merely speculations. Speculation in the mental world is often as disastrous as speculation in Wall Street. Where mental energy is invested in the fictitious, disaster must soon or later follow as a consequence. Whither is the mind led in following the story of modern astronomy? What is to be the end of the great drama of the fictitious worlds depicted on the stage of existence? If it were true that astronomers are really searching out the mysteries of space; if they were delving in the hidden recesses of worlds on worlds; if they were really disclosing the great secrets of existence in accordance with the plan of universal economy as they conceive it, what would be the end or goal of human progress according to the most advanced so called modern science? Does the astronomer offer great and wonderful rewards for the hazardous steps of man along the pathway of progress? Is there safety along the orbits or paths of planets, and is there certainty of attainment of great ends on the part of worlds? If there were, it might be in keeping with the magnitude of the worlds supposed to exist. But the astronomer holds out no bright picture for the many "worlds" that have progressed far along the path of progress. Let us take a view of the end as set

forth in modern astronomy. It is said that our sun is to grow cold; the earth with all thereon is to die. Life as it now exists is to be no more. Destruction is said to be the waiting fate of every planet; and all the activities which now characterize the world are to cease, and in their stead chaos will reign as was conceived to be before the light of creation dawned, and ultimately the processes of decay are to invade other solar systems; for it is said that other suns will die and their retinue of planets perish for want of light and heat. Progress in all these domains ultimately counts for naught, were such a conception true. The world is on the verge of witnessing the passing of all such forms of fallacy.

THERE ARE four great avenues of transmission of the substances of human life from generation to generation. Three of these pertain to the transmission of mortal mind and life, and the other to the divine. The first on the mortal plane is that of the propagation of life through the functions of propagation. The second is that of instruction imparted from parent or teacher to child; and the third is that of the transfer of the spirit and soul of the departing individual, from the dying body to that of the living. The modern world has no conception whatever of the processes of life and its transmission from age to age. Each individual being is supposed to be something separate in itself from all else and all others. Modern teachers have no conception of the fact that thought is substance; nor that in the transmission of thought, actual substance of the domain of human life is transmitted from man to man. It is not known generally that the flesh of the human body is materialized spirit which has come down through the generations; neither is it generally believed that man experiences re-embodiment—that the individual man has lived again and again in the flesh, as well as again and again in the spiritual world. Jesus said to the people of his day, "I am from above; ye are from beneath." He came down from heaven; he came down from the divine spiritual world. Similarly, but from the nether, those to whom he talked came from the spiritual world whither they had gone upon departure from the natural in a previous embodiment. The fourth process of dissemination of life is of the divine order, through the planting of the seeds of divine mentality in the hearts and souls of the mortal soil. The length of a mortal generation is less than one hundred years. The length of the period of divine generation or regeneration is that of a dispensation of about two thousand years. When Jesus said, "This generation shall not pass till all be fulfilled," he referred to his own or the higher generation.

PROF. CHARLES ZUEBLIN, of the University of Chicago, sounds a note of warning to the American people. In a recent address he predicts a great social war involving the whole nation in a final class struggle for power. He takes the position that there is coming a reign of anarchy, not that he believes in anarchy, but that he sees coming ter-



rible times that are indicated by present signs. He holds that a reign of terror will be the logical outgrowth of the overwhelming demands of wealth in America; that there will be a gigantic revolt against almost unbearable conditions, and that the crime of it will be upon the heads of the upper class who have brought it on by their own folly. He believes that the reign of anarchy will be inspired by the flaunting of riches and insolence in the faces of the poor by the owners of great fortunes; and that this reign of chaos, coming as the outcome of our class distinctions and social contrast, is imminent. These notes of warning are no idle speculation, neither are they the voice and thought of one man. He who can read the signs of the times has long observed the tendencies of the lower classes of society to rebel against the conditions imposed upon them. Both the rich and the poor are reaping the results and consequences of age-long competition. The competitive system forces inexorably upon all a terrible struggle, the worst of which is seen in the closing act of the great competitive drama. We are nearing this time, this reign of chaos. The revolution in France at the beginning of the nineteenth century was a terrible prophecy. The revolution in Russia is the signal of the tragic end, not simply of the old form of Russian government, but the end of despotism in every form, the end of the old world.

SOLOMON said, "There is nothing new under the sun." He believed in the law of universal repetition, holding that "the earth abideth forever," that the universe exists eternally. Modern scientists do not believe what Solomon said. They want the people to believe there are many things new under the sun. When one of their number puts forth a theory they delight to have the masses look upon it as something entirely new, something entirely unheard of before. All the various theories about the construction of the universe and origin of life, as entertained by modern scientists, are supposed to have no counterpart in any conception entertained in the past—that is, this is the belief of the general reading public. But evolution is not new. Some of the modern Darwinian conceptions seem to have been entertained and taught by some of the Grecian philosophers. For instance, Anaximander of Miletus, in the seventh century B. C., said: "All things must in equity decline into that from whence they have their origin." Anaximander held also that the earth existed originally in a fluid state, and that living beings arose by gradual development out of the elementary moisture under the influences of heat. Also that land animals had in the beginning the form of fishes, and only with the drying up of the surface of the earth did they acquire their present forms. This in a general way conforms to the conceptions of modern evolutionists, who hold that species of vegetable and animal life were evolved through successive stages of transformation from primordial forms.

MEDICAL men have had great success in vaccination—that is, in the process of vaccinating people; success in having laws passed to protect them in the work of injecting poison into children and adults, under the plea that it is a protection against smallpox. Jenner was a great inventor.

He invented vaccination by giving cows and calves the smallpox, and then used the bovine virus for the purpose of giving human beings a modified form of smallpox. Physicians have since used various forms of serum, anti-toxin, and other substances to be injected hypodermically. There seems to be no end of possible methods of attack upon the microbe bugaboos. Great physicians identified with the French Academy of Sciences—a name almost dignified enough to dissipate the power of microbes entirely—have originated a process of vaccinating people for consumption. It is supposed that by treating infants with a very small quantity of tuberculosis bacilli of human and bovine origin, a few days after birth, they will be guarded against natural infection throughout life. This means that to give a young child the consumption will prevent it from being afflicted with it in after life. The trouble is, people do not start early enough in tuberculosis. If they wait until advanced years it is almost sure to prove fatal. If they begin early at the hands of physicians, at least those of the French Academy of Sciences, it may prevent the advanced stages of tuberculosis, on the basis of the theory that the good die young.

THE PEOPLE of Detroit have grown tired of the ice trust. They have in years past paid enormous prices for ice; and the ice trust accumulated large sums of money through the practice of overcharge for its products. It has been argued that the trusts are conducive to economy. Trust economy exists in theory, not in practice. Impulses to greed are stronger than desire for good for the people. The city of Detroit has hit upon a scheme to protect its people from the ice trust. The city itself is preparing to store lake ice the coming winter, and to sell it to the people of the city at cost. Here is an instance of what a municipality may do in behalf of its people. Detroit may demonstrate what a government might do in all the lines of industry and commerce by simply destroying the opportunity of private capital and private concerns for accumulating wealth. The time will come when the people will wonder why institutions of greed and graft in any form were ever tolerated. Why should concerns be allowed to exist that heap up hundreds of millions, taking them beyond the ownership and control of the men who produce them? The feeling of the American populace against corruption in high places, is growing more strong as the years go by. The prophecy of the Apostle James, his famous warning against the practices of the wealthy, will be fulfilled to the letter.

THERE ARE two great mysteries of the universe of being and existence. One is the mystery of Godliness, of God manifest in his perfection in immortal manhood; the other is the mystery of iniquity, in which are involved the processes by which the one perfect Man, in whom was the mystery of Godliness, took upon himself the sins of the world, and himself became the mystery of iniquity. Neither of these two great mysteries is understood by modern theologians, and therefore they cannot conceive of the manner in which the Lord really returns to the world at the end of this dispensation.



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## KORESHANITY AND ITS FOUNDER.

Koresh and His Discoveries and Work as Seen by the Springfield Republican.

We are pleased to publish for the interest of our readers, the following from the *Springfield* (Mass.) *Republican*, concerning the Founder of Koreshanity and his system. The article is characterized by fairness on the part of the publication, and is a good presentation of some fundamental features of the Koreshan work. The article as it appeared in the *Republican* was illustrated by a good half-tone likeness of KORESH, and a view of the hollow globe:

DR. CYRUS R. TEED (KORESH), Founder of Koreshanity, which its devotees claim is to supplant Christianity and other religions, who is visiting the members of the cult in Springfield, is an interesting personality. Of average height and a body heavily set, yet not corpulent, garbed in Prince Albert coat and with a white bow tie, he appears the physician of repute and discernment. He has a strong face and keen eyes that look out steadily through spectacles, and his hair is brushed back from a good, although slightly retreating, forehead. He has a convincing manner and an appearance of sincerity. All in all, he seems to be a man dissatisfied with existing social conditions and religious and scientific beliefs, who has sought to puzzle out for himself a new philosophy of existence and ultimate end. He has fifty adherents here in Springfield, some 10,000 disciples scattered throughout the world, and a colony of nearly two hundred votaries of the cult in Estero, Lee County, Fla., who believe in him and his doctrines. He is a genial talker, ready of speech, and endowed with a gift of humor.

His philosophy or new religion, which he calls Koreshan Universology, is based upon the Bible and certain discoveries which he claims to have made. He asserts that the earth is a hollow sphere, and that we live inside of it, and that the earth contains the entire universe. Beyond the outer surface of the earth, he says, there is no space, nor even a void. The other principal beliefs are: The sun revolves within the earth and around a central and invisible sun, which revolves in a slightly eccentric orbit. The shell of the universe is composed of five geo-

logic strata, which are in turn superimposed on five mineral strata, which overlie seven metallic strata. The outermost shell of the universe is of gold, the next is silver, the next copper, the next zinc, the next iron, the next tin, and the uppermost plumbum. Between these metallic strata is mercury. "Theultrapenetrable" rays from the central sun pierce the ten upper strata, and are reflected from the metallic strata into the atmosphere, and start there electro-magnetic centers, which are the stars.

KORESH holds that Christ is God, the highest development of which man is capable; and at his ascension he was absorbed into the central consciousness of the universe. In each cycle of 24,000 years (which cycles will go on forever, for the universe is eternal) there comes a time when a Son of God appears and is absorbed. Eventually mankind will become a race of Gods—through evolution and absorption. Heaven and hell are in humanity and constitute the spiritual world. Koreshanity advocates celibacy and communism, and states that the true form of government is divine Imperialism, the union of church and state.

DR. TEED argues that the energies of the human brain are conserved by a celibate life, and that through celibacy any man can live to at least a hundred and twenty years. He has worked out his doctrines by interpreting the Bible and the sacred writings and myths of all nations according to his scientific discoveries. It would seem that the Buddhist theory of Nirvana as the end of life has largely influenced him; and he has resurrected the old pseudo-science of astrology and applied it to the Bible and all profane history.

His doctrines are iconoclastic to the highest degree, but he is not atheistical, nor is he a mere destructionist. His doctrines, judging from the standpoint of the Christian religion and scientific theory, may seem untenable. Just how much of vitality there is in his religio-philosophy will appear in the progress or retrogression of his communistic colony at Estero.

DR. TEED tells the following story of his life and teachings: "I was born in Delaware county, N. Y., in 1839. My father, J. S. Teed, was a shoe manufacturer, and later an inventor of turbine water wheels. I took an academic course at Utica, and later was graduated from the New York Medical College, and prac-

ticed medicine in Utica and New York for over twenty years. It was in Utica in 1870 that I started the investigations which have resulted in my many discoveries. I became dissatisfied with the possibilities of medical practice, believing that many diseases classed as incurable should be curable. So I sought to discover the causes of pathological conditions and their cure. This led me to electro chemical work, for I thought that in such a science there might be hope and to protracted fasting through interest in my work that was too great to allow me to take time for eating. The longer I fasted the more active my mind became.

"My first great discovery was that all development is in a cell—that is, that all processes of growth are cellular; and that consequently, as life in its particular manifestations is cellular, so is universal life cellular in development. From that I concluded that the process of evolution, of which we are a part, is necessarily in a universal cell, and that the phrase, 'womb of nature,' is not so much poesy as actual fact, the world we inhabit being a concave surface.

"I then turned to practical observations of the contour of the earth's surface, which resulted in the further discovery that the surface is concave and not convex, as we have been taught. The optical and mechanical tests and experiments I carried out convinced me that the universe is cellular, and that the world we live in is the universe. We took a straightedge 100 yards long, made as straight as it could be fashioned, and placed upon it and parallel to it a 20-inch tube with a hair-line across its objective end, and a needle hole for the eye at the subjective end, for the determination of the optical axis of the instrument. We placed the axis of the instrument parallel with the timber, and then placed pegs along the timber and perpendicular to it, elongating each subsequent peg as it departed from the objective end so as to make each peg subtend an angle on the retina of the eye equal to the previous peg. The pegs all appeared to be of the same length.

"By this experiment, which we tried on all sides of the timber, I proved that the visual ray curves upward from the earth's surface instead of going straight, as is claimed by scientists. Admitting that the visual ray is straight, I proved that a straight stick curved four different



ways at one and the same time—a manifest impossibility. We selected an inlet along the gulf of Mexico, which was over four and a half miles long, and in it we set a telescope very near the smooth surface of the water. Two miles farther we planted a post, showing two feet above the water; and over two miles farther a white target, with its top two feet above the water. The telescope and target were thus four and a half miles apart.

"With the eye at the axis of the telescope, according to the convex theory the visual ray should have been tangent to the top of the target about ten feet. With the telescope with a 3-inch objective glass, on the water, we could look over the top of the post, which was in view, and see the target. This experiment again demonstrated conclusively the concavity of the earth's surface. Many times with a telescope I have restored to view ships that had apparently disappeared below the horizon when viewed by the unaided eye.

"Then we invented an instrument consisting of a series of double 'T' squares, and supports. The sections of these bars were delicately and scientifically adjusted. My idea was to project into space a mechanical rectiline from a point on a perpendicular to the earth's surface, and thus to determine the contour of the earth's surface. If the line were straight and the earth convex, the earth would curve away from the line; while if the earth were concave, it would curve toward the line. We found that for the first mile the earth curved eight inches toward the line; the second mile, 32 inches; the third mile, six feet; and the fourth mile, 10 feet and 8 inches. We started the line 10 feet 8 inches above the surface of the water and extended it four miles, and found line and surface meeting. The apparatus was subjected to fifty different tests for accuracy.

"In my studies I found that the anatomy of the universe is exactly like that of the human being; and finding the anatomy of the egg corresponding to the ordinary cell of human development, I carried my observations on to the discovery that the correlation of center and circumference is of such a reciprocal nature as to constitute the universe an eternal thing. The universe, therefore, was not created in the sense ordinarily believed. I found the physical universe to be the expressed language of Cause, and interpreting this language correctly, I found the nature and character of Cause. I found this cause to be in the physical form, physiological functions, and mental capacity of the perfected human being. Therefore, the perfected man is the supreme being. I was led to examine the historical records, both profane and ecclesiastical, and,

interpreting them by the light of astrology and astronomy, found that the required conditions existed at the birth of the Christ nineteen hundred years ago. This was the personality I was seeking, the supreme, perfected man.

"I found on continuing my studies, that the universe is a grand clockwork, marking different periods of time, for the Zodiac is divided into twelve parts, called the coronal constellations; and the sign Aries completes the cycle in 24,000 years. That is the movement of the earth's equator on the cycle of the ecliptic or orbit of the sun within the earth. There is a coordinate movement of the ecliptic on the equator, which requires 72,000 years to complete. We are just on the eve of another movement of the ecliptic on the solstitial colure, which is one of the prime meridians, and this will mean a world-wide catastrophe, caused by the shifting of nearly thirty degrees of the tropic and frigid zones.

"The movement of the sign Aries through the constellation Taurus brought the world to Abraham's time; its movement through the constellation Aries brought us to the time of the Christ; and its movement through Pisces has brought us to the present time, when the sign is leaving Pisces and entering Aquarius, which means the supplanting of the Christian order by that of scientific religion. The sign will leave Pisces completely about 1914, which will be the defining period between the two dispensations. The universe has a central and invisible star, which governs the movement of the whole stellar universe, thus constituting the physical universe a universally imperial system. This is taken in Koreshan Universology as the type and pattern of socialistic imperialism for mankind.

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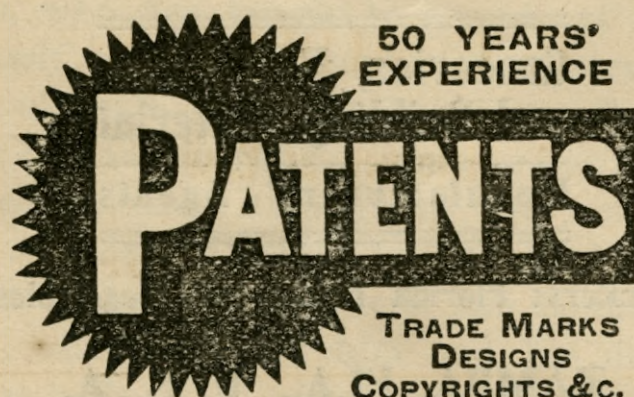
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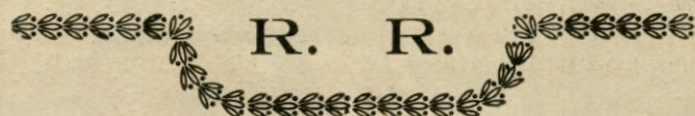
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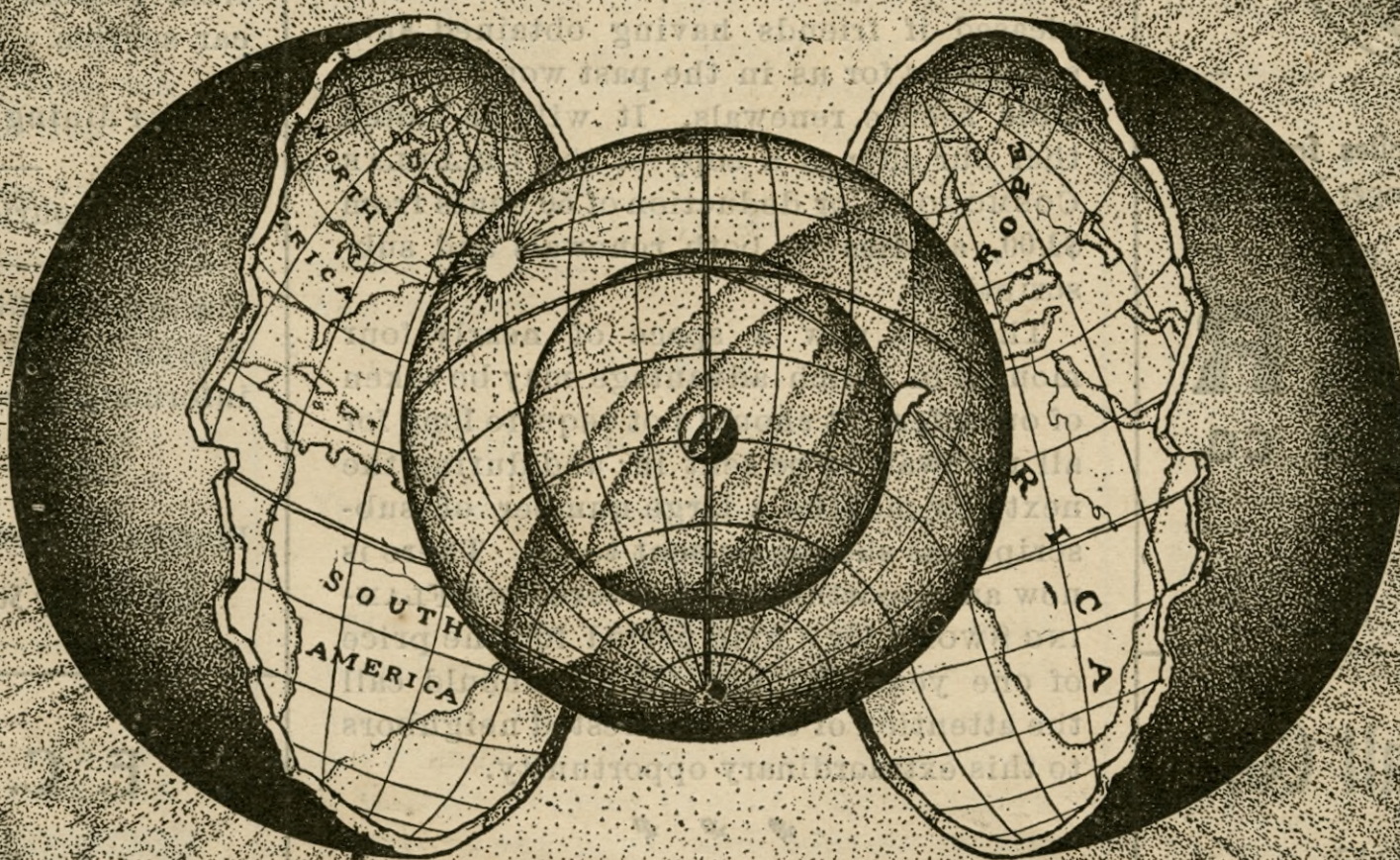
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